

Monday

Just in Case Idols
Jeremiah 11:10

Ever bet on the horses? You could go all out and place all your money on one. Or you could try and mitigate your loses by covering the field. This is called hedging your bet. A sort of just in case bet.

How similar is this to many peoples faith? To trust in God for the afterlife while hedging their faith on earthly idols such as wealth, beauty or social status. In Jeremiah we read of warning. Don't place your faith in worldly things and expect it to not impact your faith in God.

Prayer

All my hope is in God alone and in all things
Amen

Tuesday

Deep rooted Faith
Matthew 13:23

We are encouraged to consider the way in which our faith is rooted and nourished by our faithful connection to God. In the parable we are shown how this can be compared to the roots of plants. The oak tree has vertically and horizontally roots. These are for stability and nourishment.

To grow like the oak we need to make sure our faith is grounded by reading the Bible daily.

Prayer

Lord, please anchor me to the Gospel of my Faith
Amen

Wednesday

Talking about Banana?
Acts 11:23

Many new believers are full of enthusiasm. They need encouragement in the faith. Barnabas is said to have had a heart that encouraged believers. His words were filled with enthusiasm. As he told those in Antioch to trust God, remain faithful and to study and pray together as often as they could.

Sadly, older Christians have become victims to age and Sinicism. They have weathered the many storms of faith and are in need of encouragement. Take time to share with them the Barnabas zeal.

Prayer

Send someone my way to encourage in your name
Amen

Thursday

When the shine wears off
Lamentations 3:22

Like others, I have felt the sting of loss. The death of my Nanna was felt and yet not fully expressed. Just like Jeremiah expresses a great loss. And yet unlike many who have not discovered the beauty of the Gospel, I have a source of comfort.

Jeremiah tells us that hope comes from that "because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed" (v.21). We must remember "God's compassion never fails" (v.22).

Prayer

Lord. Even in darkness I can find still you
Amen

Friday

Playing the Fool
James 4:6

There is a saying that expresses that humiliation can lead to humility. We can become humble through a situation that can bring us to our knees and to humble contrition.

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

With humility can come an awakening to our need to stay close to God. Essentially when we fall we can fall into his hands. Where he can shape and strengthen us to his will.

Prayer

Lord strengthen my reliance in you always
Amen

Saturday

Light in the Dark
Psalm 18:28

Lithgow can have four seasons in one day. With a calm sunny day followed by a stormy night.

David proved his confidence in the Lord in all things as he promised to praise Him among the nations and sing his praises.

We too need to do them same. In both the storm and the calm places in life. Our living God is always our strength and our refuge.

Prayer

Teach me to trust you even in the darkest hour
Amen

In Your Time Lord



In your time Lord,
The Seasons change,
Tides roll and ebb,
The clouds drift by.

The Angels sing.
In your might Lord,
The storm is tamed,
The sea is calmed,
The Sun rises,
The World rotates.

In your name Lord,
The lame can walk,
The blind can see,
The deaf can hear,
And I am healed.

In your grace Lord,
The lost are found,
The lonely loved,
The way made straight,
And I am saved.

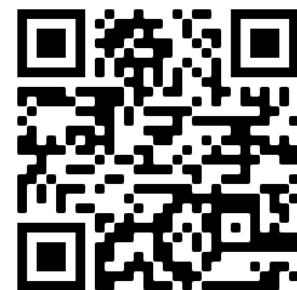
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and that Salvation is: In Christ alone,
by Grace alone, through Faith alone.*

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